



2015 ELL Student Success Stories

Did you know that there is an annual award which honors the success of outstanding Arizona English language learner (ELL) students?

The Arizona Department of Education invites you to nominate a current or former ELL student who deserves to be praised and whose story should be shared with others - a student who has made noteworthy accomplishments in English language and academic achievement - as a recipient for this award.

If you know of a student who deserves this honor, please complete and submit the online nomination form. Nominations are due by October 2, 2015.

We are excited to announce that the annual Student Success Stories award program will be combined with the annual Arizona ELL Teacher of the Year program at the 2015 OELAS Conference. All of this year's awardees will be honored at a banquet on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort in Tucson, Arizona. Selected students will be introduced at the banquet for recognition and to share their success. If students cannot be in attendance, we hope to show a video or webcast with the student honoree. Teachers, administrators, and family are invited to be in attendance. The students' stories may also be shared on the OELAS website.

Now is the time to begin thinking about the success stories you see in your school's classes! We encourage you to help celebrate our eighth annual ELL Student Success Stories. This event represents a meaningful experience for your student and an excellent opportunity for your district to highlight student accomplishments.

The nomination form is posted at www.azed.gov/OELASconf.

Please email Candis.Middlebrook@azed.gov with any questions.